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SUBJ: REQUESTED ADDITIONS TO 70TH FAO COUNCIL AGENDA.

REF: A. STATE 222598 (NOTAL) ; (B) NDJAMENA 2536;
(C) NDJAMENA 2534.

SUMMARY: FAO, SUBJECT TO DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S FINAL DECISION,
WELCOMED U.S.SUGGESTED ADDITIONS TO SEVENTIETH FAO COUNCIL.
ADDITIONS COULD PROVIDE FOR NEEDED INTERESTING, SUBSTANTIVE
DISCUSSION IN COUNCIL IN AREAS WHERE FAO ACTIVE AND TOPIC
IMPORTANT.LEEKS AND BOMMER BOTH COMMENTED FAVORABLY.EARLY DRAFT
FAO COUNCIL AGENDA INCLUDED IN PARAGRAPH 5. BINDER NOTES PROBLEM
OF GLOBAL INFORMATION SZSTEM IN AREAS LIKE CHAD.END SUMMARY.

1. EMBASSY SUBMITTED WRITTEN REQUEST TO FAO DIRECTOR-GENRAL
ASKING HIM TO CONSIDER ADDING TWO ITEMS TO SEVENTIETH FAO COUNCIL
AGENDA PER DEPTTEL.SINCE DIRECTOR-GENERAL IS AWAY AT FAO REGIONAL
EUROPEAN MEETING, NO IMMEDIATE RESPONSE IS EXPECTED FROM HIM,
BUT COUNCIL SECRETARY, DE CAPRONA, EXPECTED ITEMS WOULD BE ADDED.
ACTUALLY ITEM ON POST HARVEST LOSSES WAS ON AGENDA, BUT WAS DROPPED
IN INTEREST OF BREVITY,.PARAGRAPH 5 CONTAINS PRESENT PROVISINAL
COUNCIL AGENDA, A DRAFT OF WHICH DIRECTOR-GENERAL IS OBLIGATED
TO DISTRIBUTE TO MEMBER STATES BY SEPTEMBER 29 OR TWO MONTHS
BEFORE COUNCIL.DE CAPRONA WAS DOUBTFUL IF THIS MAILING OF PROVISIONAL
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AGENDA WILL SHOW US ADDITIONS.HE ALSO ASKED IF FOOD LOSS ITEM

COULD BE ADDED AS SUB-ITEM UNDER ITEM II:4 STATE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE; AND IF ITEM ON GLOBAL INFORMATION AND EARLY WARNING SYSTEM COULD BE ADDED UNDER ITEM II:6 ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY. IF FAO FOLLOWS THIS LATTER COURSE, NEW ITEMS WOULD ONLY SHOW UP ON ANNOTATED AGENDA WITH DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENTATION WHICH WILL BE DISTRIBUTED LATER. AN EARLY DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA IS BEING POUCHED IO/AGR AND USDA.

2. DR. BOMMER, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL, AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT, WAS PLEASED WITH SUGGESTED ADDITION OF ITEM ON POST HARVEST LOSSES. HE HAS STATUS PAPER ALREADY WRITTEN WHICH ONLY NEEDS UPDATING AND IS ANXIOUS TO DESCRIBE NEW AD HOC GROUP ON THIS SUBJECT WHICH HE IS SETTING UP WITH A MEETING IN JANUARY.

3. LEEKS AND BINDER, OF FAO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICY DEPARTMENT WERE ALSO ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT ADDITION OF ITEM ON GLOBAL INFORMATION SYSTEM. THEY ARE ENXIOUS TO SEE FAO COUNCIL HOLD SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION ON AGRICULTURAL PROBLEM RATHER THAN HEAR UNNECESSARY REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES WHO HAVE NOT DONE ANYTHING. DE CAPRONA ECHOED THESE SAME THOUGHTS.

4. BINDER INDICATED THAT CONSTRAINTS TO FAO GLOBAL INFORMATION AND EARLY WARNING SYSTEM WERE GOVERNMENTS THAT JUST DID NOT WISH PUBLIC TO KNOW TRUE FOOD PRODUCTION FACTS. THIS, WITH TIME, WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF. ANOTHER CONSTRAINT IS THAT MANY STATES JUST DO NOT HAVE QUALIFIED PEOPLE TO MAKE JUDGEMENT AS TO POSSIBLE FOOD CRISIS UNTIL CRISIS AT HAND AND PEOPLE STARVING. BINDER NOTED THAT ALL INFORMATION INDICATED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT CHAD WAS IN REASONABLY GOOD SHAPE WITH NORMAL RAINFALL BEING REPORTED. HOWEVER, FAO (OSRO) HAD A REQUEST SEPTEMBER 20 FOR URGENT FUNDING TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES OF GRAIN IN CHAD. THIS RELATES CLOSELY TO NDJAMENA'S 2403 AND 2534, WHICH INDICATED SERIOUS SITUATION IN THESE AREAS DUE MAJOR LACK OF RAINFALL. FAO CHECKING ITS STATISTICS AND SOURCES AND OYRO HAS ASKED GOC FOR MORE INFORMATION.

5. THE ATTACHED IS THE STATUS AS OF SEPTEMBER 20 OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SEVENTIETH FAO COUNCIL WHICH MUST BE SENT TO MEMBER STATES BY SEPTEMBER 29.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA
SEVENTIETH SESSION FAO COUNCIL
ROME, NOVEMBER 29-DECEMBER 10 1976
CL 70/1 OF SEPTEMBER 7 1976

I. INTRODUCTORY- PROCEDURE OF THE SESSION

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1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

2. ELECTON OF TWO VICE-CHAIRMEN AND DESIGNATION OF DRAFTING COMMITTEE.

3. STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

II. WORLD FOOD AND AGRICULTURE SITUATION

4. STATE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE 1976

5. COMMODITY AND TRADE PROBLEMS.

6 . REPORT OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY ROME APRIL 5-9 1976

III. ACTIVITIES OF FAO AND WFP

7. REPORT OF THE AD HOC CONSULTATION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SCHEME FOR AGRICULTURAL CREDIT DEVELOPMENT (SACRED) ROME JUNE 3-4 1976

8. REPORT OF THE THIRD SESSION OF THE COMMSSSION ON FERTILIZERS, ROME JUNE 7-11 1976.

9. WORLD CONFERENCE ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

10. WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME

1. INTER-AGENCY RELATIONS AND CONSULTATIONS ON MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST
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IV. PROGRAMME, BUDGETARY, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12. REVIEW OF PROGRAMMES

13. LEVEL AND FORMAT OF THE 1978-79 BUDGET

14. REGULAR PROGRAMME EVALUATION

15. PROGRESS REPORT ON DECENTRALIZATION TO THE COUNTRY LEVEL.

16. THE USE OF NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

17. REPORT ON UNSCHEDULED SESSIONS OF FAO BODIES IN 1976

18. CALENDAR OF SESSIONS OF THE COUNCIL AND OF THOSE BODIES
WHICH REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

19. FINANCIAL MATTERS

20. OTHER PROGRAMME, BUDGETARY, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE
MATTERS: WORK OF 30TH AND 31ST SESSIONS OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE,
AND 37TH AND 38TH SESSIONS OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

V. CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS

21. REPOGTS OF THE THIRTY-SECOND AND THIRTY-THIRD SESSIONS OF
THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS

22. REPORT OF WORKING PARTY ON THE COMPOSITION AND TERMS OF
REFERENCE OF THE COUNCIL, THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE, THE FINANCE
COMMITTEE AND THE CCLM.

23. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP SAO TOME'AND PRINCIPI

24. OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS

VI. OTHER MATTERS

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25. APPOINTMENTS

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